

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A process, comprising a thermal treatment of sodium percarbonate immediately following a drying step subsequent to a production process of sodium percarbonate wherein the thermal treatment is performed for a time of at least 2 minutes at a temperature from 80 to 95°C without adding a coating agent, while maintaining the active oxygen content virtually constant, and ambient air surrounding the sodium percarbonate is continuously replaced.

Claim 2 (Original) The process according to Claim 1, wherein the sodium percarbonate is coated.

Claim 3 (Canceled).

Claim 4 (Original): The process according to Claim 1, wherein the temperature is from 85 to 95°C.

Claim 5 (Original): The process according to Claim 1, wherein the time is from 5 to 60 minutes.

Claim 6 (Original): The process according to Claim 1, wherein the time is from 10 to 60 minutes.

Claim 7 (Original): A sodium percarbonate particulate made by the process according to Claim 1.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The process according to Claim 1, wherein the sodium percarbonate is in a fluidized layer, atmospheric air is heated to a treatment temperature from 80 to 95°C; and the atmospheric air is passed through the fluidized layer.

Claim 9 (Original): The process according to Claim 8, wherein the atmospheric air is heated by flue gases.

Claim 10 (Original): The process according to Claim 8, wherein the thermal treatment is performed in a fluidized bed.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A process, comprising a thermal treatment of sodium percarbonate immediately following a drying step subsequent to a production process of sodium percarbonate wherein the thermal treatment is performed at a temperature from 80 to 95°C without adding a coating agent and ambient air surrounding the sodium percarbonate is continuously replaced.

Claim 12 (Original) The process according to Claim 11, wherein the sodium percarbonate is coated.

Claim 13 (Original): The process according to Claim 11, wherein the temperature is from 85 to 95 °C.

Claim 14 (Original): The process according to Claim 11, wherein the sodium percarbonate is treated for a time of at least 2 minutes.

Claim 15 (Original): The process according to Claim 11, wherein the sodium percarbonate is treated for a time from 10 to 60 minutes.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The process according to Claim 11, wherein the sodium percarbonate is in a fluidized layer, atmospheric air is heated to a treatment temperature from 80 to 95°C for a time of at least 2 minutes; and the atmospheric air is passed through the fluidized layer.

Claim 17 (Original): The process according to Claim 16, wherein the atmospheric air is heated by flue gases.

Claim 18 (Original): The process according to Claim 16, wherein the thermal treatment is performed in a fluidized bed.

Claim 19 (Original): A sodium percarbonate particulate made by the process according to Claim 11.

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Claim 20 (Canceled).

BASIS FOR AMENDMENT

The claims have been limited to the thermal treatment of sodium percarbonate where the conventional processes and/or coating processes end, as note page 9, lines 1-2 of the specification.